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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In January 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **seven (7) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 47 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Step 2 Co. is recalling Toddler Swings for repair. #05-077
- ❖ Orbelle Trade Inc. is recalling cribs. #05-079
- ❖ Norco Products Ltd. is recalling Bicycle Attachment. #05-080
- ❖ Riviera Trading Inc. is recalling Children's Costume Braclets. #05-082
- ❖ Kids Station Inc. is recalling Children's Musical Drum Set Sold Exclusively at Toys "R" Us. #05-088
- ❖ Pottery Barn Kids is recalling Chamois Blankets. #05-091
- ❖ Jumping Inc.® is recalling Trampolines, Enclosures. #05-092

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 05-077 The Step 2 Co., of Streetsboro, Ohio is voluntarily recalling about 9,300 Toddler Swings. The recall includes toddler swings with model numbers 7336KR and 733604. The model numbers are located on a label on the back of the swings. The swings are made from green plastic and the red Step 2 logo is located on the front of the swing. The straps on the recalled swings are grey and blue colored. Toy and discount department stores sold them nationwide from May 2003 through December 2004 for between \$17 and \$20. They were manufactured in the United States.

Problem: The straps on these swings could break, causing a child riding in the swing to fall to the ground and suffer injuries.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these swings and contact the firm to determine if their swing is involved in the recall. If it is, the firm will provide a free repair. Contact Step 2 at (800) 347-8372 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log on to www.step2.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05077.html>

Release Number: 05-079 Orbelle Trade Inc., of Brooklyn, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 7,700 cribs. The cribs included in this recall are the Daniella, Leeat, Noa, Naomi, Gabriella, Amber and Series 300 model cribs. The cribs are wood and come in a variety of painted and stained finishes including natural, cherry, blonde, or white wood. Some of the cribs have built-in storage drawers on the side of the crib or underneath the crib. The crib model name may be printed on the lower part of the headboard of each crib and the manufacturer name is printed on each set of crib warnings when provided. Juvenile furniture stores in New York and New Jersey sold them from January 2003 through

August 2004 for between \$135 and \$335. They were manufactured in Romania.

Problem: The Amber model crib included in this recall does not comply with crib safety standards due to a gap between the side rail and the crib mattress support, posing an entrapment hazard to infants. All other model cribs included in this recall do not have proper assembly instructions and diagrams required for cribs. They are also missing cautionary and warning labels as required by federal law. If the cribs are not assembled properly they could pose an entrapment hazard to infants.

What to do: If you own the Amber model crib, contact the firm to schedule an in-home repair or request a replacement crib. For all other model cribs, contact the firm to receive new assembly instructions and warning labels. Orbelle Trade Inc. at (800) 605-8018 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.orbelle.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05079.html>

Release Number: 05-080 Norco Products Ltd., of British Columbia, Canada is voluntarily recalling about 80,000 Adams Trail-a-Bike or Adams Slipstream Bicycle Attachments. The recall involves the Adams Trail-A-Bike or Adams Slipstream sold under the following models: Starter, Folder, Shifter, Shocker, Ultimate Tandem, Deluxe Folder, Me 2 and Original. "Trail-A-Bike" or "Slipstream" is printed on the top tube of the bicycle attachment and "Adams" is printed on the chain guard. The product resembles a children's bicycle without a front wheel and has an elongated top tube that stretches to attach to the seat post of an adult bicycle, creating a tandem. The product was sold for use by children ages 4 to 7. Independent bicycle stores sold them nationwide from January 1996 through October 2004 for

between \$125 to \$295. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The hardware used in the assembly of the universal hitch may come loose causing the unit to separate from the lead bicycle, which could lead to a serious injury or death to the rider of the bicycle attachment.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact their local bicycle dealer to arrange for an inspection and to receive a no charge repair kit to be installed for free. Call Norco Products toll-free at (800) 663-8916 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit Adams Trail-A-Bike Web site at www.trail-a-bike.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05080.html>

Release Number: 05-082 Riviera Trading Inc., of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 7,100 Metallic costume bracelets. The recalled bracelets have heart, oval, and rectangular shaped charms that have the phrases; "I like sports," "I like movies," "I like shopping" and "I like music" printed on them. The bracelet also contains various colored plastic trinkets. Belk, Bloomingdales, Carson Pirie Scott, Kohl's, Parisians and Proffitts Department stores sold them nationwide from October 2003 through November 2004 for about \$6. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The bracelets contain high levels of lead and pose a lead poisoning hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these bracelets away from young children and contact the company to receive a refund. Call Riviera toll-free at (800) 524-0110 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the company's Web site at www.rivieratrading.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05082.html>

Release Number: 05-088 Kids Station Inc., of Miami, Fla., for Toys "R" Us, of Wayne, N.J. is voluntarily recalling about 10,500 Fun Years Music Big Drum Musical Set. The recalled music set includes a yellow and green drum with a clear plastic lid and a red one-piece carrying strap that doubles as a storage and carrying case for additional instruments. The drum measures 12 inches in diameter and about 7.5 inches in height. The instruments stored in the drum include: purple drumsticks, yellow and red dumb-bell-shaped maracas, purple wrist bells, an orange recorder, a yellow harmonica, a red-rimmed tambourine and a yellow whistle. Only this musical set is part of this recall. A similar drum set sold at Toys "R" Us with a two piece strap and different musical toys is manufactured by a different company and is not being recalled. The were sold at Toys "R" Us stores nationwide exclusively from August 2004 through December 9, 2004 for about \$20. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: Small parts can break off during use, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Return the recalled Big Drum Musical Set to your nearest Toys "R" Us store for a refund. Call Kids Station at (800) 227-4772 anytime or visit the Web site at www2.toysrus.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05088.html>

Release Number: 05-091 Pottery Barn Kids, of San Francisco, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 92,000 Chamois Blankets. This recall involves children's chamois blankets made of 100% polyester. The blankets were sold in yellow, pink, blue and green, and the reverse side of all the blankets are white. Decorative yarn in a coordinating color is stitched around the blanket's edge. The blanket measures 30-

inches wide by 40-inches long and are labeled for stroller use. A label on the blanket reads "pottery barn kids" and "Made in Korea." Pottery Barn Kids' stores sold them nationwide, through the Pottery Barn catalog, and PotteryBarnKids.com from December 2002 through December 2004 for about \$30. They were manufactured in Korea.

Problem: The decorative stitching on the blanket's edge can come loose, allowing a child to become entangled in the yarn. This poses a strangulation hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers can remove the decorative stitching or contact Pottery Barn Kids for information on how to receive a replacement or refund. Contact Pottery Barn Kids toll-free at (877) 800-9720 between 7 a.m. and 12 a.m. ET daily or visit the firm's Web site at www.potterybarnkids.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05091.html>

Release Number: 05-092 Jumpking Inc.® of Mesquite, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 1 million trampolines and about 296,000 "FunRing" enclosures sold separately and with Jumpking trampolines. The recall includes 14-foot and 15-foot Jumpking trampolines sold separately and with FunRing enclosures. The brand name "Jumpking, Inc." is written on a warning label wrapped around a leg of the trampoline. The eight legs of these trampolines fit into perpendicular sockets welded to the top rails. Trampolines with weldless sockets that fit over the connecting top rail pieces are not included in this recall. The FunRing enclosures have an arched design where the vertical poles are connected by arches at the top. Some enclosures were sold separately from the trampolines. The trampolines and enclosures were manufactured in the U.S. and China. Later units, that include the rubber sleeves that fit around the mounting brackets, are not included in the recall. The trampolines with enclosures were sold at discount, department and toy stores

nationwide and in Canada from July 1999 through December 2003 for between \$350 and \$450. Trampolines without FunRing enclosures were sold from July 1999 through February 2004 for between \$180 and \$220. FunRing enclosures were sold separately for between \$150 and \$250.

Problem: Welds on the frame of these trampolines can break during use, resulting in falls and possible injuries. Additionally, the mounting brackets of the FunRing enclosures have sharp edges, which can cause lacerations.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the trampolines and/or the enclosures, and contact Jumpking to receive free repair kits. To order the repair kits or for more information, contact Jumpking Inc. toll-free at (866) 302-8669 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to the company's Web site at www.jumpking.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05092.html>

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